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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05788.0189

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giacomo ROBA et al.

Application No.: 09/986,622

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: METHOD AND INDUCTION  
FURNACE FOR DRAWING  
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS  
TO OPTICAL FIBRES

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) Group Art Unit: 1731  
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) Examiner: J. Derrington  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks. In the Office Action, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372 between Claims 27-30 (Group I) and 31-50 (Group II). In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute Group II, Claims 31-50, drawn to an apparatus.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 13, 2002

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